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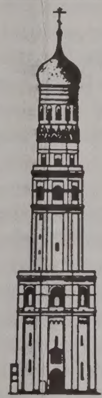
On June 19, which is fifty days after Pascha (Easter), we celebrate Pentecost or Trinity Sunday. It is considered the third holiest day on the Church Calendar, following Easter and the Ascension.

We read in the Epistle for the day (Acts 2:1-11) that the apostles were assembled in the Upper Room, when a violent wind came and filled the whole house. The wind was accompanied with tongues of fire, which settled on them. The results were stupendous! The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and wanted to share the experience with others. St. Peter gave such a powerful testimony that over 3000 people were baptized and formed what was to become the Christian Church.

This Holy Day is celebrated in all Orthodox Churches, but our people who came to this country as immigrants, penniless and with no skills, especially celebrated this day. They identified with the apostles, perhaps unknowingly, as they donated their labor and hard earned and scarce dollars to build churches and organize parishes in this country. They were filled with the "Holy Spirit." And goodness knows they spoke in foreign tongues!

To welcome the day they decorated their churches and homes with grasses, greens and branches. The stirring of the rustling of the leaves reminded them of the movement of the Holy Spirit. The sweet smell of the grass, as it was trampled underfood, reminded them of the sweetness of the grace of God given to them by the Holy Spirit. How many people unconsciously try to fit in? They decorate their homes with greens on Christmas Day. They change wreaths on their doors to fit the season, but heaven forbid they decorate their homes with greens on Pentecost!

Pentecost — Zeleny Svjata or Green Sunday — the prayers gave them hope that the Holy Spirit would comfort them as he was in all places and filleth all things.



Колокольня
Ивана Великого

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ИЮНЬ
JUNE

The opera Boris Godunov was written by Mussorgsky after he visited Moscow in 1859. He was so impressed by the beauty of The Bell Tower of Ivan the Great, which was completed by Boris Godunov in 1600, that he gave full attention to composing the opera.

Even though the tower stands on the highest elevation in the center of the Kremlin, it is often overlooked by visitors, who, unlike Mussorgsky, are distracted by the cracked Tsar Bell, the largest bell in the world, which stands at its base.

The tower was started during the reign of Ivan the Great, who was the Prince of Moscow. It took 3 years from 1505-1508. The belfry was added during the reign of Ivan IV (The Terrible), who was Tsar of All Russia. This took an additional 11 years, from 1532-1543. It was completed by Boris Godunov in 1600 by adding the top tier and a golden dome, which is 33 feet in diameter.

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SKIMMING THROUGH JUNE

June

5 - Sunday of the Blindman. Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38. This is the 6th Sunday of Easter.

9 - Ascension. 40 days after Easter. Acts 18:22-28; John 12:36-47. The Lord ascended into heaven so that He could send the Comforter into this world. "The heavens prepared His throne, and the angels marveled at the sight of a human being more exalted and more glorious than themselves." (Stichera of Vespers)

12 - Sunday of the Holy Fathers Acts 20:16-18;27-36; John 17:1-13. This is the 7th Sunday of Easter. We commemorate the 318 Fathers who attended the 1st Ecumenical Council in 325, where the Holy Trinity was defined.

18 - Soul Saturday. We remember all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. 1 Thes 4:13-1; John 5:24-30.

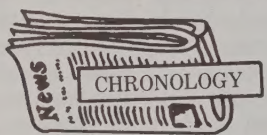
19 - Pentecost. 50 days after Easter. Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52; 8:12. This is also Father's Day.

24/July 7 - Birth of St. John the Baptist. Romans 13:11-14:4; Luke 1:25, 57-68, 76, 80.

26 - Sunday of All Saints. First Sunday after Pentecost. Hebrews 11:33-12:2; Matt 10:32-38; 19:27-30. On this day the church celebrates the memory of all the saints of God, keepers of His commandments, shining examples of virtue, benefactors of the human race. Every saint has a special day on the calendar, but since the number of saints is always increasing and many are only remembered in the liturgies of local churches, this day has been set aside for the commemoration of everyone of them from every corner of the world and from all times. We see an example of this where newly-recognized St. Alexis is on the calendar in America but may not be on the calendar of the Polish Orthodox Church; likewise St. Maksym may be on the Polish Calen-

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REV. ANDREW GREELEY wrote about a report on the religious revival in Russia stating that "St. Vladimir has routed Karl Marx." The study by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago found that after seven decades in an atheist state, three-quarters of Russians expressed absolute or a great deal of confidence in religion, a confidence rating nearly twice as high as Americans report.

NORMAN LEAR in a talk to the National Press Club stated that "Culture has lost touch with the best of its humanity — the spiritual life. At no time can I remember our culture so estranged from this part of ourselves."

SOME PRIESTS Now ask to see the Prayer Book, Bible or Spiritual Book that a person used while they were living. To prepare the funeral sermon, they leaf through the book and can quickly see which passages or pages were most meaningful to the one who has died.

RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS for Russia are prepared by Holy Archangels Orthodox Broadcasting Center, 3027 Foxhall Rd., NW, Washington, DC 20016. Bishop Basil travels to Russia to prepare programs which must be done "live" like talk shows. He prepares other programs here and mails them to Russia. This is one of the few Orthodox programs trying to match the proselytising of the 700 some non-Orthodox religious groups in Russia.

PERSONHOOD was the topic of the 8th Annual OCAMPR Conference meeting at Hellenic College. Over 387 participants equally divided between the professions of medicine, psychology and religion attended. The manuscripts, in various forms, are available from OCAMPR, PO Box 958, Cambridge, MA 02238.

AN ABSTINENCE VIDEO for teens is available for $20 from A.C. Green Programs for Youth, 515 S. Figueroa, Suite 2000, Los Angeles, CA 90071 or call (800) AC-YOUTH.

A RELIGIOUS SUMMIT, including the major churches and Christian denominations in the former Soviet Union, will be held in Moscow from 21-23 June. A statement issued states that: "The agenda of the conference will embrace major issues of Christian contributions to overcoming tensions, to strengthen churches' ministry of reconciliation, to contribute towards peace and mutual understanding, to approach state authorities in areas of conflict, to bring humanitarian aid to suffering people."

ICONS ARE BEING SMUGGLED out of Russia. There are over two dozen icon galleries in Berlin and several icon dealers have been found murdered. The police believe that the murders were carried out by a mafia, which killed those who refused to pay protection money to those who were supplying the icons from Russia. Icons are also to be found in large numbers in Israel taken out by emigrants and others.

A HOME PILGRIMAGE program has been started by a parish in Woonsocket, RI. A special icon is given to a family along with a booklet and a VCR tape. The icon remains in the home for a week, then it is returned to the church. In receiving the icon, the faithful agree to commit their family and home to a special week of prayer and meditation, placing the icon in an appropriate place in their home.

VIDEO TAPES in English, Greek, Russian, German and Spanish are available from GOTelecom, 27-09 Crescent St., Astoria, NY 11102. The tapes cover many different subjects. Send for catalog.

SYNDESMOS, an international youth organization, has scheduled several international events. Among them are: a Seminar on Orthodox youth response to problems of nationalism and culture to be held in Russia from 20-26 June, an Orthodox College and Young Adult Festival in Ligonier, PA in the U.S. from 25-31 July, an ecology project on Mt. Athos in Greece from 23 July to August 7, and an international youth pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 11-18 December. For info, write: Syndesmos, B P.44; 92333, Sceaux, France.

LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE is much easier for a young child. A director of an International School suggests that children be exposed to people who speak other languages, to get language books and tapes from the public library and rent foreign movies with English subtitles which are suitable for children. Watch with them.

The Russian custom of addressing people by their Christian name, along with the name of their father, has precedence in the Bible where we see Elizur the son of Shedeur, Adonijah the son of Haggith, James the son of Alphaeus.

THE GED DIPLOMA, a 16-page booklet, is available free from Consumer Information Center, Dept. 88, Pueblo, CO 81009. It is helpful for those who left high school without getting a diploma and are now interested in getting one. It's never too late.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX LITURGICAL MUSIC will be the topic for two conferences this year. One will be held from July 10-23 at Holy Trinity Monastery in Jordanville, NY, the other will be held from October 6-9 in Lakewood, NJ. For info contact ROCM, 1636 Third Ave., #290, New York, NY 10128. Or call (212) 348-9757.

ST. ALEXIS

On Sunday, May 29, Fr. Alexis Toth, about whom we have been writing the past two years, will have entered the calendar of Saints of the Orthodox Church and become known as St. Alexis with the commemoration date of May 7.

What made his life so different that his name has been added to this exalted listing?

He followed in the footsteps of his father and was ordained a priest in the Greek Catholic Church in 1879 at the age of 26. Tragically, his wife died a few years later.

His exceptional qualities, abilities, training and zeal soon came to the attention of the church authorities, and he was given the position of teaching Theology and Church Canonical Law at his alma mater, the seminary in Presov (Slovakia). He soon was appointed as an advisor to the bishop of Presov.

He did not stop, by his study of the church he soon became an expert on the Orthodox Church and often attended the Orthodox services in Bukovina, which had a large settlement of Carpathian people. He later remarked that in this pursuit he learned that: "The Orthodox Church is the true Church and the Unia is an imposition on the Russian peoples of Austria and Hungary."

He came to the United States in November 1889 and was accepted into Orthodoxy along with his parish in Minneapolis on March 25, 1891. Two years later he relocated to Wilkes-Barre, PA, where he concentrated his efforts on teaching about the Orthodox faith and how the peoples had forcibly been made to convert from the Orthodox to the Greek Catholic faith in the Carpathians. He lectured and wrote many articles and booklets. The most noted was "Where To Seek the Truth," which caused a massive movement to the Orthodox Church not only in America but as history attested to even in Europe. He earned and was accorded the title of "**Batko**" Father of America Rus.

To show the esteem in which he was held, we share some information on his funeral.

He died on May 7, 1909 in Wilkes-Barre after a six-month long illness. His funeral service began at 5 a.m. Two hours later a procession of priests, deacons and cantors and a large throng of laypeople walked down the center of North Main Street to the Lehigh Valley Railroad depot, stopping twelve times along the way to read portions of the Gospel. There was a special train of eleven cars waiting at the depot to carry Fr. Alexis and his cortege of over 500 to a station a few miles from St. Tikhon Monastery — where the train was met by Bishop Platon and many more priests clergy and mourners. A procession was again formed and the hundreds of people accompanied Fr. Alexis on his way to his final resting place. The 6 miles were made on foot, led by men carrying banners.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Bishop Platon with responses sung by a choir of priests, directed by Fr. Turkevich. After the services, with many eulogies delivered, Fr. Alexis' coffin was carried around the church as prescribed, and he was lowered into his first grave over thirteen hours after the first requiem service began in Wilkes-Barre.

He was so revered that a marble mausoleum was constructed a few years later, financed by the small sacrificial donations of many who loved him and had been enlightened by him. The mausoleum is located at the altar end of the main church of St. Tikhon Monastery. His body was removed from its resting place the first week of April 1994 and has been placed in the monastery church.

PRESS FUND

A Spasebo, Russian Thank You to those who help us to keep publishing. Dr. Dimitrios Pappas, Olga L. Anderson, Andrew Pikulin, Ethel Watlock, **Mary Kochmaruk**, Anna Rosko, Nettie Swantko, Holy Protection Orthodox Monastery, Anonymous (3), Dr. K.D. Hramov, Serge Taptykoff, Helen Cudlic, Katherine Lazorack, Anna Tanchak, Marguerite Czekalski, Olga Dzendzel, Irene Allen, Meliza K. Holodny, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rusinyak, Jr., Eva Mae Ross, Ann Worobey, Emma Rusin, Helen Warhol, Mike Hudak, Anna Horhota, Kathryn Portnoff, Peter Holowatch, Helen Vicen, Pauline Vinay, Mary Krajewski, Joseph Evanchick. Mary Malish wishes Happy Birthday to her husband Walter and sisters Jennie Lucas and Annie Welch — all of whom are celebrating in May. Alexandra Spanovic in memory of her good friends, husband Ray Passi, Eva Durkot in memory of her husband Anthony, Helen Cudlic in memory of her daughter, Mary Lizak in memory of her husband Steve, who died on July 15, 1990, Olga Piecewicz in memory of Olga Romanchuk, George and Elizabeth Uhrin in memory of George Visosky, John Hesczuck, John and Anna Sylin, Fr. Michael and Matushka Anna Ugrin.

MESSAGE TO GRADUATES

Too many graduation addresses tell the graduates how to succeed in the world but fail to tell them how to succeed in living as people, day by day and year after year. Here is part of a letter written by an aunt, which is so full of wisdom and love, so full of guidance, it should be shared by relatives, teachers and friends of young people and perhaps act as a guide to those of all ages.

"Don't be afraid to be wrong, to be kind, to be last — if to be first means that you must be inhuman and greedy. Choose rather to be last and human and generous.

"Beware of power, for it will corrupt even the best. Whatever you do, do it well and re-examine your relationship with all whom you come in contact.

"If you seek the cheap, the false, the plastic, you will probably find it. Be genuine — be real.

"The struggle to know yourself will last a lifetime. Beware of self-satisfaction. Life is a journey, not a destination.

"Be vulnerable. Take risks. You are always becoming. You should always be growing. Playing it safe, never being open and vulnerable, these are the characteristics of the dead, not the living.

"Don't lose your sense of humor. When you have nothing — laugh!

"Don't be afraid to cry genuine tears — for lost friends, for joys shared, for hopes shattered, for good times and bad, for what you might have been and what is, for your dreams and your fears. Sometimes there is no other cure save the salty taste of tears."

REMEMBER THEM, O LORD

Among those we pray for are the following clergy who died during the month of June. They had been very interested and supportive in our publishing **The Orthodox Herald** continously since 1952.

There were two priests who were especially encouraging: Frs. Stephan Varzaly and Alexander Varlashkin. Also helpful in various ways were Archbishop Nikon (de Greve), Frs: John Fedak, Cyril Lukashanok (who was a regular supporter since his days with the United States Army in Korea), John Yanchisin (who was one of the first priests who saw the need for literature in English), John Gratson.

THIS AND THAT

Hold fast to your Christian convictions; stand firm against society's pressure to make you confirm to non-Christian practices.

Sad to read denigratory comments in some papers concerning the use of the three-bar cross. The people making these remarks must not be aware of the symbolism of this cross. Even now in some parts of Eastern Europe this cross is defaced or removed from buildings and even where it appears in cemeteries.

Many churches still have music books which had the text printed in Cyrillic. As people joined choirs who could not read the words, choir directors printed the sounds out phonetically with Latin letters. But there is a formal Latin alphabet known as Latinika. It was introduced by the Bishop of Presov, Stefan Novak, in 1915 into the liturgical books of the Greek Catholc Church to replace the Cyrillic alphabet in use until that time.

The question of kneeling has been resurrected many times in the last thirty-five years. For some reason this disturbs some so much that we heard of one church where the kneelers were removed. If one is not to kneel in prayer at any time, why was the rule made that we are not to kneel at specified times like from Holy Pascha/Easter until Pentecost (when we are directed to again kneel in prayer)? It's interesting that the same church that removed its kneelers did not remove the pews so sitting is condoned.

Orthodox and evangelical people approach the Bible from different perspectives. The Orthodox approach Scripture from a "transhistorical" and worship-oriented point of view, while evangelicals approach Scripture from a historical and meaning-oriented perspective.

A local cemetery has its name on the front of the arch over the main road, on the reverse of the arch, seen when exiting, are the words "Christ is Risen!"

The directive, which lists the date of Easter for centuries, is called the Indiction. It repeats itself every 532 years. The next time Easter will be celebrated on May 1 will be in 2526. A half of the church calendar is influenced by the date of Easter.

THE ASCENSION

Forty days after His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus returned to His Father in heaven. This event is celebrated as the Holy Day of the Ascension. It is classed as the second great Holy Day; but since it always falls on a Thursday, it is a Holy Day, which is not observed by many.

The day is well documented in Scripture, especially in Mark 16:16-20; Luke 24:50-53 and in the Acts 1:4-12. They tell how Jesus led His eleven remaining disciples to a mountain near Bethany, where He gave them a final message and then ascended into heaven.

We can read the accounts in the above mentioned passages and accept them as an historical event, as something which happened to the disciples or we can delve deeper into the readings and ask what do these accounts have to teach me or give me as a guide in my life?

Included in the accounts is what is often called "The Great Commission." It is so important that one of them is read at all baptisms — Matt 28:16-20: "Then the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen!'"

From this we learn that we are instructed not to be passive in our religion. We are to share with others all the teachings which He has given us. If we do this we are promised that He is always with us.

Jesus invested His Life in you. Have you shown any interest?

ALASKA FUND

Helping us to send copies of **The Orthodox Herald** to Alaska are: Alexios M. Fedec, Ann Worobey, Mary Lizak, Mike Hudak, Anna Horhota, Anna Tanchak, Olga Dzendzel, Pauline Vinay, Olga Atzhorn, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rusinyak, Jr., Ingrid Fotianos, Dr. Dimitrios Pappas, Ethel Watlock, Nika Stepanenko. **Helen Nowosadko** in memory of her parents Orina and Nicholas Chura.

•Bell Tower

As it now stands, the 320-foot tower is a three-story pillar in the shape of elongated octagons, one on top of the other, becoming progressively smaller in size. Below the dome are three rows of writing, which relate the circumstances under which the tower was built.

The tower, which stands next to the Archangel Cathedral (discussed in April), unites the various buildings facing cathedral square into a single architectural ensemble. It is the most remarkable structure built in the 16th century with a foundation which extends down to the level of the Moscow River. With the additions by Boris Godunov it became the highest of all the domes, cupolas and towers in the Kremlin. It is said that when the nearby Rossiya Hotel was built, it was deliberately built a few feet shorter than the tower. At one time, it was possible to see 20 miles in any direction from the tower, and history says that Napolean watched the total destruction of Moscow from the tower in 1812, just before he retreated from Russia.

The tower contains at least 25 bells. Information varies as to the exact number, but among them the largest is the Assumption Bell, which weighs sixty-three tons, and the Novgorod Bell, which had been used to summon the citizens to town meetings. Ivan the Terrible took the bell away from Novgorod as a symbol of his total subjugation of that city. The bells were cast from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century and a per Russian custom all have names and are embossed with bias reliefs of the person or event honored and with writing relating the history of the bell, where, when and by whom, it was cast.

The bells of this tower are renowned. They were the first ones pealed on Easter night, which acted as a signal for all the other Moscow churches to start the Feast of the Resurrection by ringing their bells. It is said that the ringing of all the bells of the "hundred times hundred" churches was unforgettable.

To ring the bells, the men had to climb the 400 steps within the tower, which rise in three stages. The bells were silenced during the Communist era. Does anyone know whether they were rung this Resurrection?



EDITORS' NOTES

The past winter has been a very harsh one. We received over eight-and-a-half feet of snow. This broke the all-time recorded record. Even this area could not cope and a new job was created — going up on roofs and shoveling off the snow. We had to have three-and-a-half feet shoveled off twice, and then we did not see our roof until late in March.

But as if to make up for the harshness of the winter, the spring was especially beautiful. Perennial flowers have come up, which have been dormant for several seasons. Even the birds are chirping more loudly and new species are more visible.

Can this be the same in our lives? We can face a harshness in life that becomes so bad that we dread waking up in the morning, then something or somebody comes to "clean the roof" and slowly we begin to appreciate the spring in our life.

If everything goes as planned, we shall be blessed to be present at two canonizations (recognitions) of saints this year. The first one is that of Fr. Alexis Toth on May 29 and the second Fr. Maksym Sandowych on September 11.

Our Heritage Trip to the former lands of Austro-Hungary Empire is fully booked, but if you wish to be placed on stand-by, we will put you on that list. Please give your phone number when you send in your request.

There is a change in the way that the post office wants us to print our address labels. We must include your zip plus the four additional digits. Please help us by including these when you subscribe or resubscribe.

Our radio program on station WMXH, 750 AM on the dial from Taylor/Scranton, PA, 8-8:30 a.m. on Sundays is being well received. The program is being sponsored by the Russian Orthodox Catholic Mutual Aid Society (ROCMAS) as part of their celebration of their 100th anniversary next year. The newly-canonized St. Alexis (Toth) was instrumental in the formation of the society. Tapes of the program are being sent to Europe for future transmission.

God Be With You

Fr. and Matushka Stroyen

EXPLOSION

When God entered the world, the birthday of Jesus Christ (Christmas) was a comparatively quiet affair. No tongues of fire, nor tornadoes; just an especially bright star for those with eyes to see, and a chorus of angels for those with ears to hear.

But the birthday of the Christian Church (Pentecost) was quite a different matter. It was quite an explosion and the results are still going on, but then what could be expected? When ordinary, sinful men and women are anointed by the Spirit of God, enlightened, enlivened, and empowered, the chances are that it will not be a neat and tidy affair. For Pentecost was not a quietly convened board meeting to discuss communication; rather (at least according to eyewitnesses), it resembled the aftermath of a slightly inebriated party, just breaking up. In fact, of course, it was neither. It was a breaking *out* of that contagious love of God which we call the mission of God's Holy and Apostolic Church.

Of course, in truth, it all really goes back to that other first birthday (Christmas) when God so loved the world that He sent His Son. But now (Pentecost), God is not sending a chorus of angels to communicate that same love to the furthest corner of the world. This time, Pentecost, God is sending men and women on fire with that same love to carry the same message by word and deed to the ends of the earth. That takes quite an initial explosion.

Yet, the will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you. The Gospel message touched those early apostles and they handed it on.

So now the mission of the Church is in the hands of every baptized man, woman and child — because all who have been anointed have also automatically been appointed as witnesses.

It was C. S. Lewis who wrote: "We do not need more people writing books about Christianity: we need more Christians writing books about everything else." Yes, and not just writing books but writing.

Actions almost always speak far louder than words. So a finger in every pie, and a foot in every door, "beginning in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Nothing else was the goal of Pentecost. Yet it always starts where it started — right outside your own front door!

•Kitchen Corner

vanilla, nutmeg, milk. Mix well. Take 1 Tbls. egg and reserve, add rest to milk mixture. Add yeast. Mix. Add flour. Beat mixture for about 10 minutes, until elastic and shiny. Let rise until double — about 1 hour. Grease and flour a 9 inch round, 1½ inch high cake pan. When dough has risen, beat down and pour into prepared pan. Add 1 Tbls. water to the reserved egg. Mix together and with fingers, dipped in egg mixture, smooth dough. Paint all of top with egg. Let rise until double. Bake in 350 oven for 50-55 min. or until straw comes out clean. Let cool in pan 10 min. Remove and let thoroughly cool on rack.

•Skimming through June

dar and not the American one.

27 - SS. Peter and Paul (Apostles) Fast begins.

29 - Apostles' Fast ends for those on Revised Calendar, who celebrate SS. Peter and Paul today. For those on traditional calendar, this will take place on July 12.

THE MONTH OF JUNE

June, which we classify as the sixth month of the year, was at one time the fourth month of the year. March was the first month. Ovid wrote that the month got its name from Juno, who was the sister and wife of Jupiter, while other writers connect the name with Junius Brutus, who was the founder of the Roman republic. It may not have been either of these, but it was derived from an agricultural reference and originally denoted the month in which crops grow to ripeness.

There are other picturesque names for the month. The Anglo-Saxons called it "the dry month" or "midsummer month." They also called it "the earlier mild month" in contrast to July, which was "the later mild month." In the Old Slavonic it is called "Ezok," which means June bug, for this is when these are spotted. In some Slavic dialects it is called "Cherven," which means the same thing."

The summer soltice occurs in June.



Many requests have been received concerning the greeting of a newly-married couple at the reception place by the parents holding an ikon and a tray with bread and salt.

When the couple enters the room, they go up to the parents. The parent, usually the father, holding the ikon greets them and blesses them after which they kiss the ikon. This ikon will be their family ikon and will be hung in every home they occupy. It should serve as the main ikon of their ikon corner.

The other parent holds the bread with an indentation in the middle, which holds salt. The bread is on a tray covered with an embroidered scarf. The couple asks for a blessing. Then a piece is broken off the bread. It is dipped in the salt and the couple share it. They then thank their parents and kiss them. The bread and salt symbolize welcome and wishes on starting life together.

Then the reception proceeds.

The custom of greeting with bread and salt HLEB S SOLYU is used on many welcoming occasions. Perhaps most familiar is when the bishop visits a parish. It is used to welcome dignitaries much as the key to the city is now given.

Any round loaf of bread can be used. In some parts of Eastern Europe a beautifully decorated bread (Korovoi) is used. I give you a recipe for a batter bread, that is easy to make and perfect for anytime you want a piece of homemade bread.

Welcome Bread
(Hleb s Solyu-Bread with Salt)

1 pkg. yeast
¼ cup warm water
½ cup butter (soft)
4 Tbls. sugar
1 teas. salt
1 teas. vanilla
2 eggs (beaten)
½ teas. nutmeg
4 cups flour
1 cup milk

Dissolve yeast in water. In a large bowl, cream butter with sugar. Add salt,

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1 John 6:5-14
2 9:39-10:9
3 10:1-9
4 10:27-38
5 **9:1-38 - Sunday**
6 11:47-57
7 12:19-36
8 12:36-47
9 Luke 24:36-53 - Ascension
10 John 14:1-11
11 14:10-21
12 **17-1-13 - Sunday**
13 14:27:15:7
14 16:2-13
15 16:15-23
16 16:23-33
17 17:18-26
18 21:15-25
19 **John 7:37-52,8:12 - Pentecost**
20 Matt 18:10-20
21 4:25-5:13
22 5:20-26
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BIBLE STUDY

This month we offer a meditation on part of the Bible reading for June 14. It is John 14:27. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

"Let not your hearts be troubled." I am concerned about anything or anybody, I say these words of Jesus to myself. I say them and listen to them. I think of the living, loving Christ, speaking these words to me.

I will not let my heart be troubled by illness. The Christ is with me as healing life.

I will not let my heart be troubled by lack. I know that as I am open and receptive to Christ's guidance, new avenues of supply will be revealed.

I will not let my heart be troubled by the problems and needs of my dear ones. I behold Christ in them. They are guided, protected, inspired, and enfolded by Divine love.

I will not let my heart be troubled by injustice nor unfair treatment. I hold fast to my faith in Christ. My faith is in the outworking of good. I keep my heart and mind open to the forgiving, loving benediction of Christ. The perfect peace that the world cannot give is Christ's gift to my heart, mind, and life. Through Christ in me I am well, strong loving, and poised. I am radiant, happy, confident, and peaceful.

Through Christ in me I have a heart of faith, a heart filled with love, a heart that rejoices in the power of Christ at work in all that concerns me.

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WINTER GRACE (8)

Life can be a little bit weary
In our greying years of time —
When the many loves we cherished
Are but memories of mind;
Growing burdens bear upon us
That deny our joys of old
And each Summer — in its passing
Seems to be a bit more cold.

It is, also, time of heartache,
If one has to live, alone;
Days and nights of empty treasures —
Willed to empty heart and home;
Silent fears and silent worries
And their griefs, for us to bear,
And we find our only comfort
Is with God, in quiet prayer.

There are two ways of being rich. One is to have all you want, the other is to be satisfied with what you've got.